## **Commissioner Vacancy Announcement**



# Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### CDHH HAS THREE VACANCIES FOR 1 DEAF, 1 HARD OF HEARING AND 1 HEARING MEMBER

#### What is a Commissioner?

- Represents Deaf and hard of hearing viewpoints
- Brings issues re: education, employment, health care, family relations, interpreter services, technology, and rights to the Commission
- Wants to improve life for Deaf and hard of hearing people
- Oversees the operation of the CDHH

#### What does a Commissioner do?

- Attends CDHH meetings at least 4 meetings a year, mostly at CDHH office building behind the State House in Providence, RI
- Serves on at least one committee
- Lets Deaf and hard of hearing communities know what is happening and encourages more consumer participation
- Advocates for Deaf and hard of hearing by testifying at legislative hearings, writing letters, and filing complaints
- Participates in CDHH events

#### How do I become a Commissioner?

- Let CDHH Commissioners know you are interested
- Contact CDHH by phone, fax, email, or letter, or stop by CDHH office
- Fill out an application and let us know why you would like to be a Commissioner

#### What's next?

- Commission discusses application and votes to recommend you to Governor
- Governor looks at recommendations and gives final approval

To review the composition of the CDHH Board of Commissioners see Public Law 281 online at www.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law01/law01281.htm.

Application Deadline: August 31, 2006

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